Private Sector

1. Reliance Petroleum Ltd. (RPL), Jamnagar (Gujarat).

(d) and (e) With the proposed dismantling of the Administered Pricing Mechanism (APM) in the oil sector the stand-alone refineries constitution changes may be required.

India'a suggestion to OPEC for price concession for developing countries

892. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has suggested to the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countires (OPEC) to consider oil price concession for the developing countries; and

(b) the implication of surging international oil price and its impact on India and other developing countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) and (b) In March 2000 India had made a request to OPEC members to increase the production level of crude oil which would facilitate bringing down the oil prices to sustainable stable levels in the interest of both the producing and consuming developing countries. Implication of surging international oil prices would depend upon the quantum of imports of crude oil by different countries. For India, higher international oil prices result into higher import bill.

Restoration of alienated land to SCs/STs

893. SHRI R.N. ARYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dr. Ambedkar Birth Centenary Celebrations Committee headed by the Prime Minister recommended for formulation and implementation of a scheme for restoration of alienated lands to the SCs and STs in the year 1992.

(b) if so, the action taken thereon and the salient features of any such scheme adopted/implemented and results achieved in this regard; and

(c) the reasons if the said recommendation is not implemented with satisfactory results?